



CITY OF MORGAN HILL

17555 PEAK AVENUE MORGAN HILL CALIFORNIA 95037

LIBRARY COMMISSION

After Action

May 9, 2005

Morgan Hill Civic Center
Council Chambers
17555 Peak Avenue

LIBRARY COMMISSION

Chair	Chuck Dillmann
Vice-Chair	Vacant
Commissioner	Jeanne Gregg
Commissioner	Charles Cameron
Commissioner	Einar Anderson
Commissioner	Bert Berson
Commissioner	John Macchia

7:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Dillmann called the meeting to order

ROLL CALL ATTENDANCE

Absences: None

DECLARATION OF POSTING THE AGENDA

Per Government Code 54954.2

PLEDGE

Pledge was led by Chair Dillmann

PUBLIC COMMENT

Carol O'Hare, President of the Friends of the Library and Co-Chair of the Local Committee for Measures A & B, thanked Commissioner Berson for all of his help with the election. Ms. O'Hare asked to be added to the agenda every month to give a report. Closed Public Comment.

1. COUNTY LIBRARY REPORT

County Librarian Melinda Cervantes reported that Measure A passed but Measure B did not. She is pleased with the election results and stated there will be no further budget cuts. The County will watch for any changes in the economy in order to forecast the operating budget over the next several years. The JPA approved the purchase of the automated sorting equipment for Morgan Hill because of the election results.

2. MORGAN HILL LIBRARY REPORT

Community Librarian Rosanne Macek announced she is pleased Measure A passed with 72% of the vote. Specific numbers for Morgan Hill will be available in the next two weeks. She thanked Council Member Tate, Commissioner Berson and Vicky Reader for their extraordinary efforts.

She and library staff member Beverly Vessa have been working on a detailed analysis of the linear feet needed for different parts of the collection. She is also beginning to research furniture.

She reported circulation for March was the highest it's been since April 2004. Circulation per hour in March was 10% higher than the same period last year.

Attendance at Story Times remains high with average of 70 on Thursday mornings; 28 on Wednesday evenings, and 11 for bilingual story time. Library staff hosted visits from P.A. Walsh school in April and they are gearing up for class visits in May. The Book Discussion Group read *My Antonia*. The Group will meet on May 27th.

There are eight staff positions that have remained open pending the outcome of the election. Ms. Macek will now begin the hiring process.

3. LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE Chair Dillmann

Chair Dillman reported that the State Legislature is still discussing the State Library Budget. The Governor presented cuts to the budget, but is getting "push-back" from the Legislature.

4. CONSENT CALENDAR

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES OF April 11, 2005

Commissioner Berson motioned to approve the minutes. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion. Motion carried (5-0) Commissioner Cameron abstained.

Commissioner Gregg arrived at 7:15 pm; Commissioner Cameron arrived at 7:25pm.

BUSINESS

5. LIBRARY COMMISSION WORK PLAN

Recommended Action: Information Item. Library Commission will approve Work Plan for FY05/06 and add dates for task completion as necessary.

Chair Dillmann introduced Morgan Hill resident and local artist Don Jensen to speak to the Commission on arts in Morgan Hill. Mr. Jensen recently stepped down from the Parks and Recreation Commission. He provided background on his involvement with the City as a volunteer and in the community. He noted he is not sure of the direction City Council intends for the Library Commission. He reported that there is only one art gallery left in downtown – the co-op gallery.

The monthly rent for this gallery was recently raised by 50%. He suggested perhaps the Commission would like to work toward keeping it open. Chair Dillmann asked Mr. Jensen if he had any suggestions on the direction and the scope of the Commission. Mr. Jensen thinks that a subcommittee should be formed to focus on these issues. He stated there are currently two public art projects underway: 1) sculpture of the Hiram Morgan Hill family at the train station; and 2) the sculpture of a bobcat for Community Park to be donated by artist Evelyn Davis. Mr. Jensen announced the next Arts Alliance meeting will be held Tuesday May 10th. He stated he is planning to attend and will inform the Alliance of the vacancy on the Library Commission. Council Member Tate will also attend the meeting will invite them to apply for spot on the Commission. Mr. Jensen continued he feels that identification of funds for the arts in Morgan Hill should be a priority. It was noted the City of San Jose public art program receives 2% from developer fees. The average for other cities in California is approximately 1 %. He added that historically art groups in Morgan Hill that wished to complete a project, raised funds. He reported the City of Gilroy has an Art Commission. Each year, the Commission holds a competition to select public art. He suggested the Commission research Gilroy's policies and programs.

Deputy County Librarian stated there is no funding in the new library project for public art. If the community would like a work of art placed inside or on the library site, funding would have to come from a separate revenue stream or through fundraising efforts. Commissioner Gregg stated previously the City attempted to define "public art" but, the process and definition became very complex. Commissioners Gregg and Berson will attend the May 10th Arts Alliance and report back to the Commission at the June meeting.

Work Plan. The Commission discussed the Work Plan and suggested various changes. Staff Balagso will make the changes and email the Work Plan to the Commission for review. Commission will review and communicate changes to Staff Balagso.

6. RESULTS OF SPECIAL MEETING MAY 2 AND CITY COUNCIL MEETING MAY 4, 2005

Recommended Action: Information Item. City staff will provide report on recommendation and comments from Library Commission to City Council on the schematic design of the new library.

Staff Balagso reported that the City Council approved the schematic design for the new library. Chair Dillmann attended the City Council meeting and noted that the Council made comments on several of the Library Commissions suggestions.

7. REPORT FROM FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE

Recommended Action: Information Item. The Fundraising Committee will provide a status report.

Commissioner Anderson reported the Committee continues to work on the Power Point presentation for the City Council. Commissioner Anderson added that he feels now that the election is over, it is time the Committee redefine its scope. For example, will the fundraising organization work to raise funds strictly to supplement library operations or will it broaden its scope to include other needs?

8. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR FOR FY 05/06

Recommended Action: Information Item. Commission will select and appoint new Chair and Vice-Chair for coming year.

Staff Balagso reported Commissioner Cameron holds the highest seniority on the Commission, but has selected not to serve as Chair. Commissioner Anderson is next in seniority. He accepted the post as Chair. Commissioner Macchia suggested Commissioner Cameron serve as Vice-Chair. Commissioner Cameron accepted. Commissioner Gregg put forward a motion that Commissioner Anderson serve as Chair and Commissioner Cameron serve as Vice Chair of the Library and Arts Commission. Motion seconded by Commissioner Berson. Motion approved (6-0).

9. REQUESTS FOR FUTURE ITEMS

Fundraising Sub-Committee Report
Report from Commissioners Gregg and Berson on Arts Alliance meeting results
Work Plan
Report from Commission Berson on Morgan Hill election results
Addition of Friends of the Library to agenda

10. ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

11. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Cameron motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:15p.m. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion. Motion carried (6:0). Next Monthly meeting on June 13, 2005 at 7:00p.m.in the Council Chambers.